

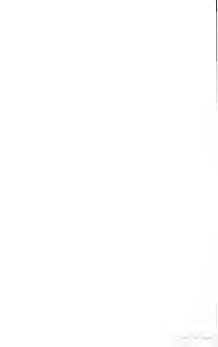
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DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN IN THE LORD,

" Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied. "

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On Thursday Morning, the 31<sup>st</sup> of December, 1868, we assembled together in the House of God, for the purpose of offering up to the Throne of Grace, our united Prayers and Praises, prior to my final separation from you as your Pastor.

Our Service consisted of the " Order for Morning Prayer, " my Farewell Sermon, and a Celebration of the Holy Communion.

It was a sorrowful time for me, and I trust a solemn one for you, when a separation was about to take place between us, and my voice as your Pastor, would be heard no more in that holy relationship.

You will recollect that it was my most earnest desire on that occasion to address you—as a witness of my love—as conveying the sentiments of my heart—with a suitable exhortation, whereby, you might persevere and grow in grace, " building up yourselves on your most Holy Faith, — praying in

the Holy Ghost," and so "keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life."

From May, 1863, to the date of my farewell discourse, it had been my happy privilege to preach the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to you; and now in a few parting words, I am constrained to address you in the language of unmingled love and thankfulness: — first, to Him, from whom cometh down every good gift and every perfect gift, for His great goodness in having granted me health and strength, whereby I was enabled to labour amongst you without physical impediment: — and then to you, my dear friends, as His instruments, in having conveyed to me and mine, by your kindness and sympathy, the many endearing hours I have enjoyed during the period in which I have ministered among you.

It now becomes also my pleasing and grateful duty to acknowledge another act of love and kindness you have evinced towards me, by deputing an influential member of the Congregation — Charles Crosbie, Esq. — to head a deputation which visited me in the vestry-room after the Service, for the purpose of presenting me with a testimonial and a few parting words of comfort.

Mr Crosbie spoke as follows: —

"Mr Pendlaton, I have been requested by the Congregation of the Church of the Holy Trinity at Florence, on this the last day of your Ministry amongst them, to present you with a Testimonial, as expressive of their personal regard for you, — their approval of your ministrations, — and their deep regret at your having resigned the spiritual charge of this Church.

" The sums subscribed towards this testimonial and the names affixed on the accompanying list, are, with few exceptions, from the old English residents at Florence, members of your Congregation ; and they believe that you have most faithfully preached the Word of God to them, and they pray that He may provide you with another more abiding state, not only in this world, but in that to come.

" It is said that " out of the fullness of the heart the mouth speaketh ; " but there are times — and this is one of them — when the fulness of the heart impedes the utterance, and one cannot say all one would wish.

" However, I am not here to make a set speech, but to perform an act, which speaks for itself.

" M<sup>r</sup> Pendleton : this envelope contains two thousand and odd francs, and this is the list of names of those friends who have subscribed them. I have preferred giving you the original rolled list with the original signatures, as a more gratifying memorial to your feelings than presenting you with a fair copy of it.

" I will now say no more, but I pray that the Almighty may shower down His blessings on you and your family wherever you may go."

*" Testimonial presented to the  
Rev. F. H. S. Pendleton.*

" Our esteemed Minister, the Rev. F. H. S. Pendleton, having resigned the Chaplaincy of the Church of the Holy Trinity in Florence, We the undersigned, Members of his Congregation, wish to testify our personal regard for him, — our approval of his Ministry

while with us, — and our regret at his departure, by presenting him with a Testimonial, subscriptions for which, will be received by Alfred Hall, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Treasurer to the Church, N<sup>o</sup> 2, Piazza San Firenze. \*

The following members of the Congregation signed the list :

\* CHARLES CRAMER; M<sup>rs</sup> WILKINSON; THO<sup>s</sup> SENEKER; F. H. HAMILTON; A. EAL; A. C. DRENNSTON; MISS ELIZA BOWEN; MARRIE BARTON; M<sup>rs</sup> GRANTALL; M<sup>rs</sup> BERNETT; Countess INCHRAUM; MARCHIONESS GUARDASSI; Countess OF OXFORD; MISS YARNOLD; MISS HENCKES; G. D. MAQUAT; SAMUEL LOWE; CHARLES DUNE; MISS WADE; M<sup>rs</sup> BERRY; W.; F. W.; T. S. BAILEY; A. MATTHEWS; MISS BOWELL; M<sup>rs</sup> BUTCHER; M<sup>rs</sup> TASHNER; Countess PANDOLFINI; M<sup>rs</sup> JARDINE; J. H. PENCE; ALBERT HALL; HARRISON ATKINS; THOMAS ELDER; AL<sup>tho</sup> DICKIN.

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Dear Brethren. On the morning of the presentation of the Testimonial, I promised you a few « Parting Words », which promise I now fulfil.

In the first place, then, I offer you my sincere thanks for the address and testimonial you so kindly presented to me. I look upon the gift as a mark of your esteem and affection, having originated from a sincere Christian feeling towards me; — as a proof that my ministerial labours have been acceptable to you. And our Heavenly Father knows well, how truly I have loved you; how warmly I have hoped to be a means in His hand of bringing you to everlasting happiness; how earnestly I have desired the peace and holiness of the flock placed under my care at Florence! Alas! Brethren, the relationship which has

existed between us for nearly six years, has been broken asunder! I am no longer your Pastor, you are no longer my Flock! In this changing world, every relationship must sooner or later be dissolved: husband and wife, — brother and sister, — parent and child, — minister and people, must part; but it is a cheering thought to know that there is one bond of relationship between us which is inseparable and eternal; — Christ is unchangeable! and united to Him, we are one!

And, secondly, you will recollect that in my "Farewell Sermon", I gave you a word of solemn warning, and a word of counsel. You will find the word of solemn warning in the first Epistle of John, chapter II, verse 15.

The word of counsel you will find in the first Epistle of Peter, chapter V, verse 7.

Think and pray over these two passages of God's Holy Word!

"Finally, Brethren, farewell, be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you!"

"And now, Dear Friends, I commend you to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them that are sanctified." Amen.

I remain, my beloved Brethren, your affectionate and faithful friend, and servant in the Lord,

F. H. S. PENDLETON.





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